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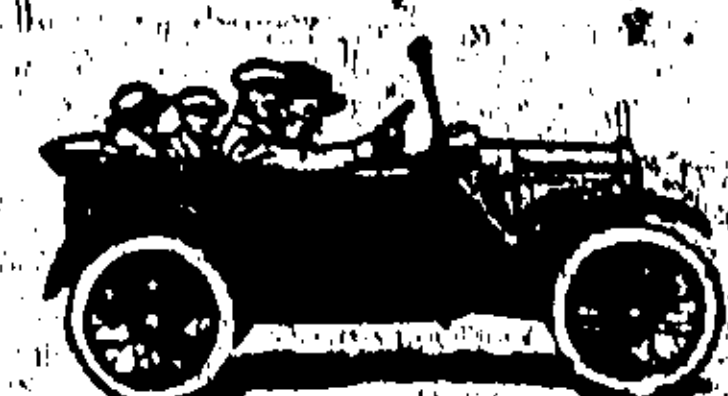
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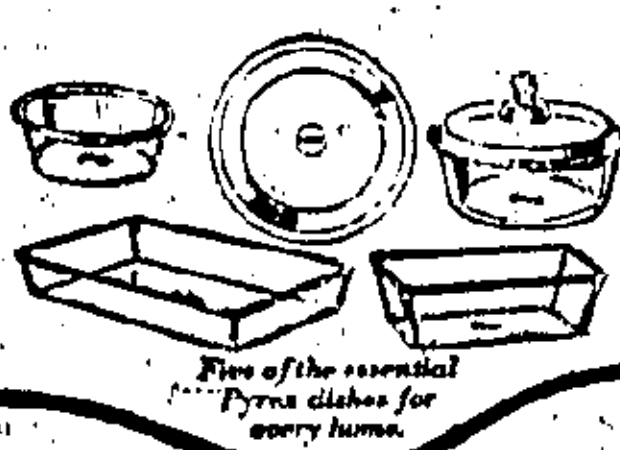
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KING'S SPEECH. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OUTLINED. CLOSER EMPIRE BONDS. Protection Not To Be Introduced.

The King's Speech outlining the Government's policy was read yesterday when the new Parliament was opened. Among the most important topics were Russia, Singapore, Protection and Empire trade.

Brilliant Scenes.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 9.
Parliament was opened to-day with the customary state ceremonial. The weather was fine. Large crowds cheered the processions of the King and Queen and the Prince of Wales.

The House of Lords was packed with peers and peeresses and the galleries were occupied by distinguished visitors. A conspicuous feature of the brilliant assemblage was the enclosure close to the Throne reserved for the Ambassadors who were clustered together in splendid uniforms. The judges in full-bottomed wigs were grouped beside the Woolstack.



KING GEORGE V.

London, December 9.
The King's Speech at the opening of Parliament states that the campaign of hostility to British rights and interests in Egypt and the Sudan, inspired rather than discouraged by Zagul Pasha's Government, culminated in the murder of Sir Lee Oliver Stack. The Egyptians have accepted the demands to secure respect for British interests.

The Imperial and Dominion Governments are examining the Geneva disarmament protocol. The Anglo-Russian treaties have been turned down, but a desire is expressed that normal intercourse should not be interrupted. The King's Speech trusts this will be attained by the strict fulfilment of the friendly international intercourse previously accepted by the Soviet. The trade agreement of 1921 at present does everything possible to foster mutual trade.

Empire Trade.
The Government's guiding principle will be the closest co-operation with the Dominions and India Governments in all matters of mutual concern. The policy of encouraging Empire settlement and inter-Empire trade will be steadfastly adhered to and proposals will be submitted granting further preferences for Empire imports.

In connection with the investigations for the alleviation of unemployment, a bill is under consideration to safeguard employment in efficient industries.

Where necessary the Government will tackle the housing problem by coping with the rising cost of houses and the shortage of skilled labour and by encouraging new methods of construction calculated to promote the rapid production of houses.

A vigorous effort will be made to abolish insanitary and defective houses.

Enquiries are being made with a view to combining the provisions of the improved old age pensions and the pensions of widowed mothers with existing insurance systems.

Measures will be submitted for the adoption of the late Government's proposals for the encouragement of the sugar beet industry and the marketing of imported foodstuffs.

A number of other domestic measures are indicated.

Labour's Criticism.
In the House of Commons the mover of the Address-in-Reply was Mr. R. G. Ellis and the second was Lord Balmori. Both emphasised the importance of improving inter-Imperial trade.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that the first product of the Government was a King's Speech of extraordinary length and very little substance. The Government had no policy with regard to food prices and agriculture.

He asked how the Government was going to submit the case of the Geneva protocol to the Dominions. Was there going to be a special Dominions conference. If so would the international conference on armaments be postponed.

Mr. MacDonald urged that no time ought to be lost in coming to

S.S. "FUKKI MARU." ANCHORED OFF NAMOA ISLAND. VESSEL STILL ADRIFT.

When the "Taiko Maru" last saw the dim shape of the ill-fated "Fukki Maru" (which was reported yesterday had been abandoned not far from Swatow after it had broken out during the voyage to Hongkong) smoke was still issuing from the hull.

This morning the "Taiko Maru," which took off the "Fukki" crew arrived in Hongkong. Her captain informed the N. Y. K. to whom the "Fukki" is under charter, that 1,600 tons of bunker coal were on board the sinking ship and the fire was likely to continue for several days. Before the crew left they paid out anchor and the ship now lies off Namoa Island.

Of the crew of forty-three, five or six were slightly injured by the flames. All were landed by the "Taiko" at Swatow. In a telegram to the N. Y. K. the purser, who will be coming here from Swatow, reports that there is no hope for either cargo or steamer and from this the local office concludes that it will be a total loss but believe that she was still afloat when the telegram was sent.

TO-DAY'S HAPPY EVENTS. NOTABLE HONGKONG WEDDINGS. MR. G. N. ORME MARRIED. This Morning's Quiet Ceremony.

Two notable weddings were solemnised to-day, the first being that of Mr. G. N. Orme, Director of Education, and the second that of Mr. R. A. Camidge, of the Chartered Bank.

Kept secret from all but the very closest of friends of whom there were but seven present, apart from the principals, an interesting wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this morning.

So close had the secret been kept that even the verger of the Cathedral was not aware of the identity of the parties until a few minutes before ten o'clock this morning when a motor car drew up and Hongkong's Director of Education, Mr. G. N. Orme, alighted and hurried into the church, accompanied by Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Assistant Colonial Secretary. Mr. Orme wore a lounge suit.

Ten minutes later the bride, Miss Hilda Marie Thompson, B.A. (Wales), late assistant mistress of the Kowloon British

School, put in an appearance, accompanied by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill. She wore a light brown walking costume.

Mr. Nihill gave the bride away and Mr. McElderry was Best Man. The simple ceremony being over (there was no music), the bride and bridegroom walked round the back of the church and after a brief conversation with the little knot of friends gathered at the entrance drove away to board His Excellency's launch the "Stanley" which will take them for a week's cruise round the waters of the Colony.

Mr. Orme was asked to pose by a photographer representing the "China Mail" but replied that he was not desirous of having a picture taken.

The following were present at the Cathedral for the ceremony: Mrs. McElderry (sister of the bride) and the little Misses McElderry, Mrs. J. H. B. Nihill, Mr. and Mrs. Wynne-Jones, Lieut. Drake, Lieut. Agnew and the Rev. J. Romanis Lee.

CAMIDGE-HOWE.

A wedding of particular interest to local banking circles was that which took place at St. John's Cathedral, this afternoon, between Miss Audrey Josephine Howe, daughter of the late Major Joseph Howe (North-West Mounted Police), and Mrs. Howe, of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Mr. Reginald Albert Camidge, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Camidge, of Hoylake, Cheshire. The bride has recently arrived in the Colony.

A large number of friends were present at the ceremony. The bride was given away by Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Manager, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and wore a dress of white charmeuse trimmed with ostrich and seed pearls and with pink chiffon lined train. Her bouquet was of white roses and chrysanthemums.

Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, attired in an orchid coloured dress of brocade of honour and Miss Dorothy Ferguson, the bridesmaid, wore a blue voile dress.

Mr. J. M. Walker was Best Man.

A reception was afterwards held at "Charter House," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and the happy couple will leave later in the day for Fanning where the honeymoon is to be spent.

The bride's travelling dress is of grey tricot with hat of the same colour.

Three responsible for arranging the ransoms for each batch and the batch acting as hostages for his return.

Those on parole are Mr. Ip Yin-choy, a former student who is now with the Bank of East Asia in Hongkong and was visiting a brother at the College when he was in the motor-boat which was surprised by the gang. His brother was also taken. The other two are Mr. Tong Fook-cheung who is employed in a secretarial capacity at the College and Mr. Cheung Po-shuen, Professor of Agriculture.

On the expiry of the three days' parole the three captives started on their return to the bandit stronghold.

As the troops are hot on their tracks the outlaws have climbed down and the latest amount, per capita, demanded as ransom is \$300. It is stated that some of those interested are adverse to paying the ransom until other means fail, so as not to give encouragement to similar outrages.

Our Canton correspondent writes to say that it would not be surprising if General Li obtained the captives' release through an understanding with them, such "unofficial" understanding taking the shape, possibly, of camshau (bribe) or ten with one of the

BRILLIANT PAGEANT THAT TOOK PLACE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.



This photograph taken at the opening of Parliament following the Labour Party's victory last December, gives a good idea of the brilliant pageant that took place in London yesterday when the King again opened Parliament with the Conservative Party once more in power.

an agreement with Egypt regarding future Anglo-Egyptian relations. Any arrangement, he said, must have the assent of the Egyptian Parliament.

Friendly To Russia.
Mr. MacDonald said he was surprised and pleased to read the mild and friendly reference to Russia in the King's Speech. (Ironical Opposition laughter.)

He asked if Mr. Baldwin was going to run Imperial preference without a tax on food and were we going to have tinned salmon again. (Laughter.)

Mr. Baldwin, replying to the criticisms of Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George, said the Government would have been foolish to rush acceptance or rejection of the Geneva protocol without the fullest investigation in conjunction with the Dominions.

After making the reference to Singapore previously cited, Mr. Baldwin said as regards protection he adhered to his previous statement that while he would employ the Safeguarding of Industries Act to safeguard efficient industries in which great unemployment was due to unfair competition, he would not introduce protection in this Parliament nor would he use the Safeguarding of Industries Act as a means to introduce it.

The debate proceeded along general lines and was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House of Lords agreed to the address in reply to the King's Speech and then adjourned.

Mr. R. G. Ellis, who moved the Address-in-Reply, has been Conservative M.P. for Wakefield City since 1922. He began his career as a barrister, then became a banker and is now a colliery and electric power director. During the war he held among other posts that of Labour Adviser to the Ministry of

National Service (Yorks area.) Lord Balmori, who seconded the Address-in-Reply, is only twenty-four years of age. He is a son of the Earl of Crawford. A Conservative member for Lonsdale, he took his seat in the House of Commons yesterday for the first time. Last December he was summoned from Italy to undertake the campaign at Wigan, but he was defeated.

The Singapore Base.

London, December 9.
Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons said, with regard to Singapore, the Government had returned to the principle supported by the Lloyd George and Bonar Law Governments, but had not yet decided upon the length of time over which the works would be spread. No arrangements had been made with regard to contributions by Britain or the Dominion concerned, but communications with the Dominions regarding this had already begun.

Earlier cables stated that the King's speech declares the Government proposes to proceed with the plans already made for enlarging the naval base at Singapore. The speech points out that there is no doubt that the happy results the Prince of Wales' previous visits to the Dominions will be repeated when the Prince visits South Africa in the Spring of 1925. The Prince of Wales will visit the Argentine next year on the invitation of the President and Government.

Two members of the Egyptian Royal House, the Princesses Kamal-shidin and Chawla, who are said to be sisters of the late Khedive, are touring the East. They visited Bangkok and then were expected to take Canton

CAPTURED STUDENTS. BANDIT LAIR NOT TO BE ATTACKED. WILE VS. WILE.

No report had reached Canton last night of an onslaught on the bandit den in the Pun U district where the Canton Christian College captives are held. However, rumours had got out that Canton's civil administration had brought pressure to bear on General Li Fook-lam, "Defender" of Honam Island (on which the College is situated). General Li has already despatched picked detachments to effect the rescue, "picked" in that the leaders, by reason of former intercourse with delta robbers, are the more likely to be able to get the victims out with the minimum of bloodshed.

Prior to being incorporated in the military service of Kwangtung, General Li's original strength consisted, so goes the popular belief, of "merry men from the hills" and it is now hoped that this questionable reputation will stand him in good stead.

A GOOD BLUFFER.
General Li is best known by his nickname, given him by his earliest associates, of (kerosene) lamp chimney. In his younger days he is said to have used the article, named and successfully carried out a bluff that it was the muzzle of a pistol. Canton is now looking to the "lamp chimney" to use his prestige in the matter.

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although there has been covering orders from both of these quarters, and the bulk of the support has come from the Continent. Owing to the rise in dollar-sterling exchange, and the absence of demand from the East, America has been a free seller in this market, and the immediate future depends very largely on this exchange. As the lower level, there seems rather less pressure to sell, but it is rather doubtful whether we have quite reached bottom yet.

Owing to all the Continental buying being for forward delivery the premium on spot silver has run off and during the greater part of the week, the two quotations have been identified. To-day there is a premium of 1/16d on cash.

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MARRIAGE.

ORME — THOMPSON.—At St. John's Cathedral on the 10th December, Geoffrey Norman Orme, to Hilda Marie Thompson.

DEATH.

PARR.—On December 1, 1924, at Liverpool, England, Mabel Elizabeth Parr, beloved wife of W. Parr, Shanghai.

KING'S SPEECH.

Nobody has accused the present Cabinet of being unduly brilliant. But if Mr. Baldwin's team lacks intellect, it does not lack common sense. The Premier himself has been described as being "very English." Whatever else it means, this implies that he is steady, reliable, prosaic even. Consequently he can be expected to give the nation what it needs most, namely "tranquillity"—tranquillity in domestic affairs as well as foreign. That he intends to fulfil this hope is apparent from the King's Speech, or rather from as much of it as Reuter has seen fit to cable. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald complained—with what justice we are left to guess—that the King's Speech was long without being informative. But beyond this he appears to have had very little criticism to offer. Certainly he charged the new Government with lacking any definite policy upon several important matters, such as food prices, agriculture, etc., but as against this he tacitly approved the Government's friendly attitude towards Russia. When the Leader of the Opposition contents himself with mild allusions like these, he is either satisfied with the general tone of the King's Speech or his Party's spirit is broken. Since nobody will suggest that the Labour Party's spirit is broken, we may take it that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is unable to find serious fault with the main trend of the King's Speech. This

alone would imply that the new Government's policy of tranquillity will meet with a certain measure of success. Further evidence of the Government's temperate intentions is to be found in the decision not to introduce Protection during the life of this Parliament. There is of course a certain amount of discretion in this decision. The Conservatives have a big enough majority to "ride roughshod over the House of Commons," but Mr. Baldwin knows only too well that the country does not want Protection, since it defeated his Government when he called a general election upon that very question. With Protection shelved during the life of the present Parliament and the Government adopting a very conciliatory attitude towards Russia, Home politics should be singularly free from the disturbing influences loosed with the fall of Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition Cabinet. Accordingly the country can look forward with every confidence to at least five years of tranquillity, and as tranquillity is all that it has ever needed, the country may expect as well a return to its former national prosperity.

Too Much Litigation.

Strikingly significant of what, for a comparative small place like Hongkong, is the amount of litigation keeping busy so many men of legal profession in the Colony, is the fact that Sir Henry Cowper Gollan's visit to Shanghai, to sit on a Court of Appeal, is only the second in the history of the Colony that a Hongkong Chief Justice has been called upon to make; whereas Hongkong has had occasion to require the Shanghai Chief Justice on numerous occasions for the purpose of solving nice points of original jurisdiction. Some of those may have been due to the peculiar difficulties experienced by Hongkong in regard to housing questions; but one has only to read the reports of other cases which are daily heard in the law courts for it to be brought home how unnecessary some of them are. "This appears to me to be an unfortunate family difference which might well have been settled outside the law court" is a remark which falls from the lips of the Chief Justice or Puisne Judge at the conclusion of many a lengthy hearing which, from the extracts which are given, one can well imagine he regards as an absolute waste of valuable time. It is well that the community should be almost completely spared the spectacle, or rather reports of spectacles of Europeans squabbling over points affecting their dignity or the exact interpretation of their legal rights, although, when real principles are at stake, the opportunity for a clear definition of the law should be welcomed. As to whether the dispute between two Europeans falls within the latter category, it is not for opinion to be passed in this column, but that His Lordship was of the opinion that it was a case which might well have been settled outside was evident from the remarks he passed when he asked if the parties could not come to terms of settlement without the case proceeding further.

Wisdom Of Tuan.

One of the most welcome announcements yet made by Tuan Chi-jui, the present director of Peking's destiny, is that with regard to the treatment of the Boy-Emperor. Northern papers, without exception express satisfaction that Marshal Tuan holds entirely different views from Mr. C. T. Wang on the subject of the meaning of the word "prisoner." As one of our contemporaries puts it: "Tuan has already repudiated the policy of slipperiness involved in pretending that the Manchu Emperor is free while keeping him so close a prisoner that he could not even receive visits from his British tutor." It is probably quite as well that the name of Mr. C. T. Wang does not appear in the list of new Cabinet Ministers, if the good-will of the Powers is really welcome to China's leaders. In the course of an unconvincing argument to justify the Palace coup, Mr. C. T. Wang stated that the Abdication Treaty had once before been altered, since its original promulgation; so why not make further amendments? This is not the fact. It is true, however, that it has been grossly violated by failure to observe its conditions. In the past, there has never been any attempt to modify it. In December 1914, however, seven supplementary articles were published, dealing with such matters as the forms to be used in official correspondence between the Republic and the Manchu Court, the extent of the Emperor's privilege of conferring titles, and the functions of the Palace Guards. These additional articles were described as "strengthening" or "making secure" the original Treaty. Now that there is every prospect that the young Emperor will regain the freedom to which he is entitled, he may be expected to repudiate the revised agreement extorted from him by force majeure during the recent Palace coup. That Marshal Tuan Chi-jui will concur in the view that any modifications, considered necessary or desirable, must form the subject of negotiation, appears certain from his present attitude. Marshal Tuan, in his effort to remove all grounds for criticism with regard to China not abiding by the terms of the Abdication Agreement, is showing wisdom.

HEAVY GOING.

EMPRESS IN ROUGH WEATHER.

TWELVE HOURS LATE.

Not even the "giant" "Empress" liners are secure from the ravages of the winter in mid-Pacific. On her last trip to Vancouver, the "Empress of Asia," which came alongside Kowloon wharf at eight o'clock this morning was dogged by heavy weather, was forced to leave to and arrived twelve hours behind time.

On the night of November 1 when she left Yokohama, the ventilators were unshipped, while on the next day, Sunday, a strong north-west fresh gale sprung up, accompanied by high beam seas. The weather was overcast and squally. The wind grew in force as the vessel proceeded, until 10 o'clock the following day, when the huge liner was compelled to leave to. She remained in this position, tossed and buffeted by the mountainous seas, until 3.30 that afternoon, when the storm abated sufficiently to allow the vessel to proceed. The wind then was coming out of the west, blowing with storm force and accompanied by terrific squalls and high mountainous seas. The ship was labouring and straining heavily and shipping water fore and aft. The following day was much the same only with the wind blowing from the north-west. Labouring and straining lady in the huge swells, the vessel continued to ship water both fore and aft. On Wednesday the storm abated somewhat and the vessel picked up speed gradually. From then on, although the weather was rough, the vessel made good progress. The hatches and ventilators were inspected each evening to ascertain if any damage was done, but the liner weathered the storm nicely and suffered very little damage.

The "Empress of Australia" on the same trip before the "Asia" was also delayed but made up the lost time in a spurt from Yokohama to Vancouver.

Tickling Throat.

Did you ever have that nerve racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be dislodged, but tickles and tickles until it sometimes almost strangles? Just a few sips of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed very slowly and allowed to slide down the throat, will stop that tickle and at once give you instant relief. Try it that way too for hoarseness, bronchitis and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

TREAT IN STORE.

"THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD."

Booking for the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's production has been remarkably heavy, and while laying down on principle that the success of a production must be judged primarily by the Booking Office receipts it is nevertheless very satisfactory for producers and players to know that they are not being called upon to wait until the next world for the reward of their efforts.

The opening performance on Friday and all subsequent performances are to commence promptly at nine o'clock. There are a number of reasons for the fixing of this time, and as they all hinge upon the convenience of the general public, it is hoped that the public will assist the Society by arranging to be in their seats by nine o'clock. In anticipation of receiving the desired co-operation and in the interests of those who will not wish to have any portion of the opera marred by movement in the theatre, it has been decided to close the theatre doors before the commencement of Phoebe's solo, which immediately follows the overture, and to open them again only at the beginning of the Chorus "Tower warders," about ten minutes later. His Excellency the Governor, under whose patronage the opera is being performed, has expressed his intention of being present at the performance on Monday, December 15.

There is no doubt a certain curiosity among those who are not in touch with the Society's activities regarding the Cast of the production. The opera is a departure from the class of performance hitherto presented by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, and it is not going too far to say that the production of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera has been made possible only because the Society now possesses, in Mr. S. Collett and Mr. W. G. Wheller, two men whose knowledge and experience of amateur operatic work has proved invaluable. Mr. Collett is the Honorary Conductor of the Society and has taken upon his shoulders all the work (rendered extremely difficult owing to Band parts being obtainable only after many disappointments) connected with the musical side of the production. Mr. Wheller has superintended all stage arrangements in person and has, by his obvious knowledge of his "job," enabled every one taking part in the opera to participate in his own extensive experience of Gilbert and Sullivan work and contribute, under expert guidance, his portion of the success of "the show."

Principals in the opera itself are Mrs. Collett (Elsie Maynard), Mrs. Douglas Reid (Phoebe), Mrs. N. Matheson (Dame Carruthers), and Mrs. Brown (Kate). Mr. D. M. Richards (Fairfax), Mr. J. S. Gillingham (Jack Point), Mr. G. D. Lays (Wilfrid Shadbolt), Mr. G. H. Piercy (Sergeant Mervill), Mr. A. P. Glanville (Lieut. of the Tower) and Mr. H. Annias (Leonard Mervill). Details of the opera would be out of place here, but it may be remarked (to quote a burlesque "Guide to the production" compiled by a member of the Cast for the amusement of his colleagues) that the money bestowed upon Leonard Mervill by his father in the first Act is not Hongkong currency, and the arbuckle heard "off" in the second Act is fired by kind permission of Doctor Sun Yat-sen. The same document would have us believe, following Gilbert's libretto, that the production's leading lady "loves all brave men," but this may be another of those statements to be classed as "only a rumour."

SLIPPERY CUSTOMERS.

LOCAL DRAPER LOSES FIFTY DOLLARS.

Chan Hing-pak, manager of a drapery store at No. 17, Wing Lok Street, reports to the police that he received a visit yesterday from two persons, believed to be Italians. They purchased three rolls of drill for \$6, and on the excuse of having no small change, a one hundred dollar note was tendered. Some time after receiving the \$4 from the shopkeeper, the customers changed their mind regarding the purchase and asked for the return of the hundred dollar note. This was done, and the small bills were handed back to the shopkeeper. It was not until the men had left that the money was counted again when a \$50 note was found missing.

"SAINT JOAN."

THE GREATEST PLAY OF THE AGE.

TIMELY THOUGHTS.

(Specially Contributed.)

The A.D.C. deserves full praise for its enterprise in staging "Saint Joan" and I feel sure that whatever the shortcomings of those taking part may be, so experienced an artist as Mr. Sinclair will produce the play in a manner worthy of its author. I have no fears for the other side of the footlights but I have serious doubts about the front of the house. Hongkong is notoriously twenty years behind the times and even the leaving of post war additions to the community may not have overcome the traditional staleness of intellectual life in the Colony. There is certain to be no lack of financial support for the play and I fully expect that every endeavour will be made to bear in mind that the performance commences at 9 p.m. sharp. What I am anxious about is the presence of a large proportion of the audience which has dined well at the Grill Room and is just in the mood for a revue. This type of play-goer expects from an A.D.C. nothing more ambitious than "Sweet Lavender" or "Caste" and rather resents anything venturesome. I may of course have done Hongkong an injustice but it is not so many years since the A.D.C. performed "The Angel in the House" to an audience which was frankly "bored stiff." As an enthusiastic Shavian with no claims to being a "high-brow" I earnestly exhort the A.D.C. to conduct an intensive campaign of publicity for the education of their supporters.

Perhaps the paragraph in your Sunday contemporary on Joan and Bobbed Hair is a preliminary example of the A.D.C.'s publicity work and if so I would suggest a continuation on similar lines. Shaw's preface is a remarkably interesting review of Joan's times and throws a searchlight on the career of "the queerest fish amongst the eccentric worthies of the Middle Ages." This preface should be the basis for the dissemination of information regarding Joan which will help towards a proper appreciation of the play and its adorable heroine.

I am sure there will be many who will be intrigued by the assertion that Joan was a Protestant before Luther was born, or that Joan as a military leader foreshadowed the methods of Napoleon. Still more surprising is it to learn that "The Maid" was an apostle of Nationalism and as such rebelled against the world dominion of the Church of Rome, although a devout daughter of that Church. If one substitutes the World Revolution of Lenin's dreams for the Church of Rome one can obtain a glimmering of what Joan's nationalism really meant. It amounted to a healthy contempt for the English nobles and their parasites, whose influence was paramount at the Court of France, and we have a parallel for this patriotic sentiment in the resentment shown by the electorate of Great Britain against the interference threatened by the Russian Soviet.

The comparison between Joan and Florence Nightingale is a striking one and is no doubt appreciated by those who have read Lytton Strachey's "Eminent Victorians." Shaw says in his preface: "Let us once for all drop all nonsense about Joan being cracked and accept her as at least as sane as Florence Nightingale, who also combined a very simple iconography of religious belief with a mind so exceptionally powerful that it kept her in continual trouble with the medical and military pandemics of her time."

"The Lady of the Lamp" of the Crimean War was something more than a ministering angel. She possessed a head for business and her organizing ability brought her into sharp conflict with the unintelligent officiousness of the military authorities. Florence, like Joan, was a reformer and if she had got her own way the Indian Medical Service would have been able to avoid the hopeless muddle in which it found itself during the operations in Mesopotamia.

It is possible to go right through the preface picking out different aspects of Joan's career which have their lesson for us of the 20th Century. I therefore hope the A.D.C. will aim at something more than presenting a pageant in exchange for \$3 and will aid the public to prepare itself for the reception of what is likely to rank as the greatest dramatic work of the age.

—C.

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LADY LITIGANTS.

LOCAL MILLINER WINS.

HUSBAND OR WIFE?

MADAME FLINT AND "HOW TO GIVE EVIDENCE."

Madame Flint's ability to give evidence in English was evidenced by the Police Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) at the Summary Court this morning when she obtained judgment against Madame Gayin, of No. 2, Peak Road, for \$1,000 for goods sold and delivered.

When she stepped into the box and Sergeant W. F. le Chevalier of the Police Force commenced to discharge the duties of interpreter, His Lordship remarked that he had known her for very many years and had a great esteem for her. Unfortunately, she had a habit, when in court, of speaking very fast and this was troublesome as he and the opposing side's solicitor had to take notes. He therefore asked her to be "considerate and Madame Flint smilingly promised to do so.

Then her solicitor, Mr. J. T. Prior, asked if Mr. H. C. Macnamara had any objection to her speaking in English whereupon His Lordship stated that it was not the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of seeing her in court, and he knew that she had a wonderful command of the English language.

"BREAKING INTO FRENCH." On Madame Flint asking Mr. Prior if she should try, His Lordship suggested that she should and if she got into difficulty she could break off into French.

During the course of the opening of this rather complicated case, Mr. Macnamara (for Madame Gayin) volunteered the information that his defence was based on the claim that part of the goods supplied had been met by payments from time to time, and that the balance was supplied to a business carried on by Madame Gayin's husband and not by her.

Actually the claim amounted to \$1,059.35 but the odd amount had been knocked off to bring it within the jurisdiction of the court.

WIFE SHOULD HELP.

Certain items in the first part of the bill, and marked 1922, had, Mr. Prior explained, been supplied to Madame Gayin for her personal account.

In October 1923, an arrangement for a Canton agency was made by which defendant was engaged at a salary of \$100 per month and was at liberty to buy goods out of stock for herself at cost price.

Items marked 1923 and 1924, continued Mr. Prior, were supplied to the Canton agency in October 1923. In December 1923, defendant left Shamen and handed over the stock to a Miss Noronha. Stock was taken and the items were those that were not accounted for. Some of these, it was claimed, were seen to have been used by defendant.

Mr. Macnamara refused to admit certain signatures in the stock book and queried the putting down of the year 1924 for goods supplied in 1923. The latter, Mr. Prior attributed to there being an intervening period during which the items formed the subject of conversations between the parties.

PARIS IN SHAMEEN.

Addressing His Lordship, Mr. Macnamara said that Madame Gayin was not in court but he maintained that the agency was carried on by her husband it being quite reasonable for the wife to give assistance.

After evidence had been taken, His Lordship gave judgment for Madame Flint, for the sum claimed, with costs. He remarked that it appeared to be a case of mere bluff that the goods had been supplied to the husband.

In the box, Madame Flint said that the agency was to be on the understanding that defendant got a salary of \$100 per month, with no commission; Madame Flint maintained the shop, supplied the goods which were to be sold at prices indicated by her.

EPIDEMICS.

SPECIALISTS TO CONFER IN FEBRUARY.

BUREAU AT SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, December 9.

The Health Committee of the League of Nations intends establishing at Singapore an epidemiological bureau, where information with regard to infectious diseases common to the Far East will be collected and disseminated.

A conference of health officers will meet here in February to make arrangements.

BACK IN PORT,

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN" TOWED TO ANCHORAGE.

FINE SALVAGE FEAT.

Surrounded by a fleet of attendant small craft and in tow with every possible leak secured, the "Heungshan" which went ashore near Junk Rock, approximately an hour's steaming from Canton, has been towed back to Hongkong and arrived at Cheung Sha Wan (near Capsuimun) at half-past twelve last night.

At three o'clock yesterday morning, the start was made from the scene of the wreck and the voyage was made without incident.

The Yick Wing S.S. Co., Ltd., the new owners of the "Heungshan," speak highly in praise of Ip Yick, the diver responsible for the salvage and floating of the vessel.

It has been stated that the upper work is not in too good a condition but that the hull has come up to expectations.

Her owners have not yet decided when she will be docked. Meanwhile minor renewals are being carried out at Cheung Sha Wan where the vessel will lie for some days.

[The "Heungshan" was formerly in the Steamboat Co.'s fleet and was in service between Hongkong and Macao and Hongkong and Canton. The wreck "as she lay" was sold twice for the proverbial song. Since then between \$130,000 and \$140,000 has been spent in refloating the vessel.]

PIONEER SILK STORE.

QUEEN'S ROAD LATEST ATTRACTION.

"AT HOME" TO-DAY.

The increasing attraction of Queen's Road Central as a shopping centre is occasionally demonstrated by the extending activities of the stores already in existence, but nothing noteworthy has recently occurred to mark the coming into being of a shop on a large scale which would rival (or out-rival) the shopping facilities of this important centre. The accomplishment of such an object has been left to the Pioneer Silk Store, whose gaily decorated entrance outside the China Building will catch the eye of the passer-by to-day.

In celebration of the opening of this establishment, which will be conducted under the business title of Verhonal Shewaram & Co., an "At Home" is being given to-day and no less than 1,500 invitations have been sent out. The staff of this establishment, with the proprietor, Mr. Verhonal Shewaram, were busy from the forenoon receiving and entertaining a large number of well-wishers, and they expect to have received a record attendance before the entertainment is closed late at night. In the course of the evening dancing will be indulged in to the strains of a Filipino string-band, a combination of the best talent which could be had in the Colony.

The capacity for catering to all the requirements of those requiring not only silks (as the name would seem to imply) but other useful goods can only be appreciated on paying a personal visit. Although primarily a silk store—and there are silks of all varieties—the visitor will find everything necessary in the way of scarfs, hose, mandarin coats, kimonoes, skirts, and so on. Electro-plated goods, and the wonderful workmanship and skill of the Indian craftsman seem to out the handiwork of his better situated Chinese brethren in the spacious glass cases arranged throughout the building. Everything of a useful nature has been included in the new building down to an elegant range of jewellery.

With the Christmas season near, and the selection of presents proving such a perplexing problem, intending purchasers should lose no time in calling at this store as there is a variety of useful gifts from which to make a choice.

ARMS POSSESSION.

YAUMATI-MAN WITH REVOLVER.

A Chinese, named Chan Sik-tin, when searched yesterday at New Market Street, Yaumati, was found to have in his possession a five-chambered revolver and five rounds of ammunition. The man is now in custody, and will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

SIRDAR OF EGYPT.

SON OF THE SOIL MAY "GET POST."

A CAIRO STATEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, December 9. The newspaper "El Ahram" states that it has been decided to appoint an Egyptian as Sirdar of the Egyptian Army.

It is understood that such decision will naturally be in agreement with Britain. There appears some foundation for the statement.

Defence of Egypt. [Note: Under the constitution granted to Egypt defence is for the present reserved and remains under British control. Service in the army is compulsory, but owing to the small contingents required, only a fraction (4 per cent.) of the men who are liable actually serve. Service is for three years. In the Sudanese battalions, service is voluntary and extended. The army consists of 5 squadrons of cavalry, a camel corps, 5 batteries, 18 battalions of infantry (of which 6 are Sudanese and 1 is a special "Equatorial" battalion), a railway battalion, and various departments. Most of the higher posts including that of Sirdar are held by British officers. The strength of the army is about 17,000.]

SWARAJ WEEK.

MR. DAS DISAPPOINTED AT RESULTS.

AN EXTENSION ORDERED.

(Reuter's Service.)

CALCUTTA, December 9. "Swaraj Week," which began in Bengal on December 1 and consisted of an intensive campaign to raise money to be applied to propaganda work in villages and rural districts, has been extended until December 14.

Three Lakhs Needed. Mr. Das announces that up to the present Rs. 160,000 have been collected. He appeals for Rs. 300,000, without which, he says, it is impossible to carry on the campaign in the villages.

Object Of Appeal. At the commencement of the campaign, Mr. Das foreshadowed that the next stage of the fight would occur in the villages, which he desired to organise co-operatively with a view to stopping "exploitation of rice, jute, and other country products by the foreigner."

KAIFENG.

CITY NO LONGER THREATENED.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, December 10.

A message from Kaifeng, under yesterday's date, reads: Unable to cross the Yellow River bridge, Hu Chung-yi's forces have arrived at Fengchin, while Sun Yuen's troops occupied Langfang yesterday morning and were marching on Kaifeng from the East.

Negotiations between representatives of General Han, of Shensi, and of General Hu, resulted in the former's spokesman being convinced of the futility of resistance. In consequence, he has withdrawn the whole of the brigade towards Chengchow.

The menace to Kaifeng has thus been removed and conditions are virtually normal. General Hu Chung-yi and Sun Yuen will probably enter Kaifeng with their troops to-day, but an agreement has not yet been concluded.

Powers To China.

PEKING, December 9. The protocol Ministers met to-day and finally drafted a note to the Chinese Government calling its attention to the necessity of observing treaty obligations. It indicates the readiness of the Powers concerned to assist China in accordance with the terms of the Washington Treaty if China's foreign obligations are fulfilled.

It is rumoured that Baron Hayashi intends to resign the ambassadorship in London, and that he and Mr. Ochiai, the Ambassador in Rome, who is in ill-health, will return home on furlough. The "Osaka Asahi" says it was Baron Hayashi's intention to return home in the spring of next year, but as Prince Chichibu, the Emperor's second son, is going to visit England either in May or June next, the departure of the Envoy for home will probably not take place till after the Imperial visit. Besides that the London Embassy now lacks in a councillor, who could act as chargé d'affaires during Baron Hayashi's absence. In the event of Baron Hayashi's resignation, Viscount Ishii Kikujiro, the Ambassador to Paris, will be transferred to London, says the report.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

BRITISH PROPOSAL ACCETED RE PROTOCOL.

DISCUSSION ADJOURNED.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROME, December 9. At a private meeting, prior to the public session, Italy agreed to the British proposal to postpone discussion of the Geneva protocol on disarmament until next session.

M. Briand and Signor Salandra were among those who approved the proposal.

Council Agrees. The Council of the League agreed to the British proposal to postpone discussion of the Geneva protocol until next session.

All the speakers recognised the legitimacy of the request. At the same time, M. Briand pointed out that the various Powers concerned were anxious to proceed with the protocol with the utmost expedition. He added that he was convinced Britain was still devoted to the League.

Signor Salandra and others acknowledged that it was impossible to proceed without the full collaboration of Britain.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain said the simple truth was that the British Government had not had time to study the matter. The chances for the scheme being adopted would be better if proper time for consideration was allowed.

HIGHER LEARNING.

MORE AMERICAN GRANTS DONATED.

TWO GREAT BENEFACTORS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, December 9. Mr. George Eastman, Head of the Kodak Company, has given \$15,000,000 to certain institutions for higher learning, marking his total benefactions over \$8,000,000. Mr. James Buchanan Duke, a well-known capitalist, has announced the creation of a trust fund of \$40,000,000 to found a college bearing his name; and also to found hospitals and other charities in North Carolina.

FRANCE'S BUDGET.

ARMY ESTIMATES UNDER REVIEW.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, December 10. At the budget debate in the Chamber of Deputies, General Nolle, Minister of War, stated the army estimates totalled frs. 4,468,000,000 compared to 1,700,000,000 in 1914.

He pointed out that, considering the fall in the value of the franc, the estimates were 25 per cent. below the pre-war figure, whereas the United States and Japan had increased their military expenditure by 74 per cent. and 18 per cent. respectively, while Britain had maintained her pre-war level.

AUSTRIA.

PRESIDENT HAINISCH IS RE-ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

VIENNA, December 9. M. Hainisch was to-day re-elected President of the Austrian Republic.

HIDDEN ARMS.

DISCOVERY IN UPPER ALBERT ROAD.

A revolver and 205 rounds of ammunition were brought to the Central Police Station yesterday. The arms were found hidden in the ground in Upper Albert Road near the entrance to the Public Gardens.

'VARSITY' RUGGER.

OXFORD GAIN VICTORY OVER CAMBRIDGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

TWICKENHAM, December 9. Oxford University beat Cambridge University by 11 points to 6 this afternoon.

The weather was dull and mild. The crowd numbered 35,000.

After 25 minutes' play, Devitt scored a try for Cambridge, but Barlow failed to convert. Three minutes later, Jacob sprinted over near the corner flag and obtained a try for Oxford, which Berkeley failed to convert.

Oxford continued to attack and just before the interval Wallace scored a second try for Oxford. However, Berkeley again failed to convert.

Half-time arrived with the score 6-3 in favour of Oxford. After the resumption, the Cambridge backs got going several times, but met a powerful defence. A good movement by the Oxford backs ended in Jacob obtaining a try, which Berkeley converted, making the score 11 to 3 in favour of Oxford.

In the last minute of the game, Devitt obtained a try for Cambridge, but Barlow failed to convert it. The game thus ended in a victory for Oxford by 11 points to 6.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 10.—Coronet Theatre; "Blood and Sand."
December 10.—Star Theatre; "The Gay Corinthian."
December 10.—World Theatre; "The Gold Diggers."
December 10.—Queen's Theatre; "Long Tail Sam, the world-renowned Magician 9.15 p.m."
December 12 to 20.—Theatre Royal; "The Yeomen of the Guard," 9 p.m.
January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m., January 14, 4.30 p.m.
SPORT
December 23.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanling.
SOCIAL
December 11.—Musical at the Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
December 13.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
December 19.—Children's Xmas Party, at Helena May Institute, p.m.
PUBIC AUCTIONS.
December 11.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
December 13.—Lammert Bros., at the Engineers' Institute, King's Building, Praya Central one full-sized English billiard table with accessories, 11 a.m.
COMPANY MEETING.
December 20.—Sixth meeting of China Light and Power Co., (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11.30 a.m.
OTHER MEETINGS.
December 15.—Annual meeting of the R.H.K. Golf Club at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m.
December 15.—Fifth annual meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, 6.30 p.m.
December 23.—General meeting of shareholders of the Rab Syndicate Ltd., Prince's Building, Chater Road, noon.

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- 1 Vint de Fats Sherry
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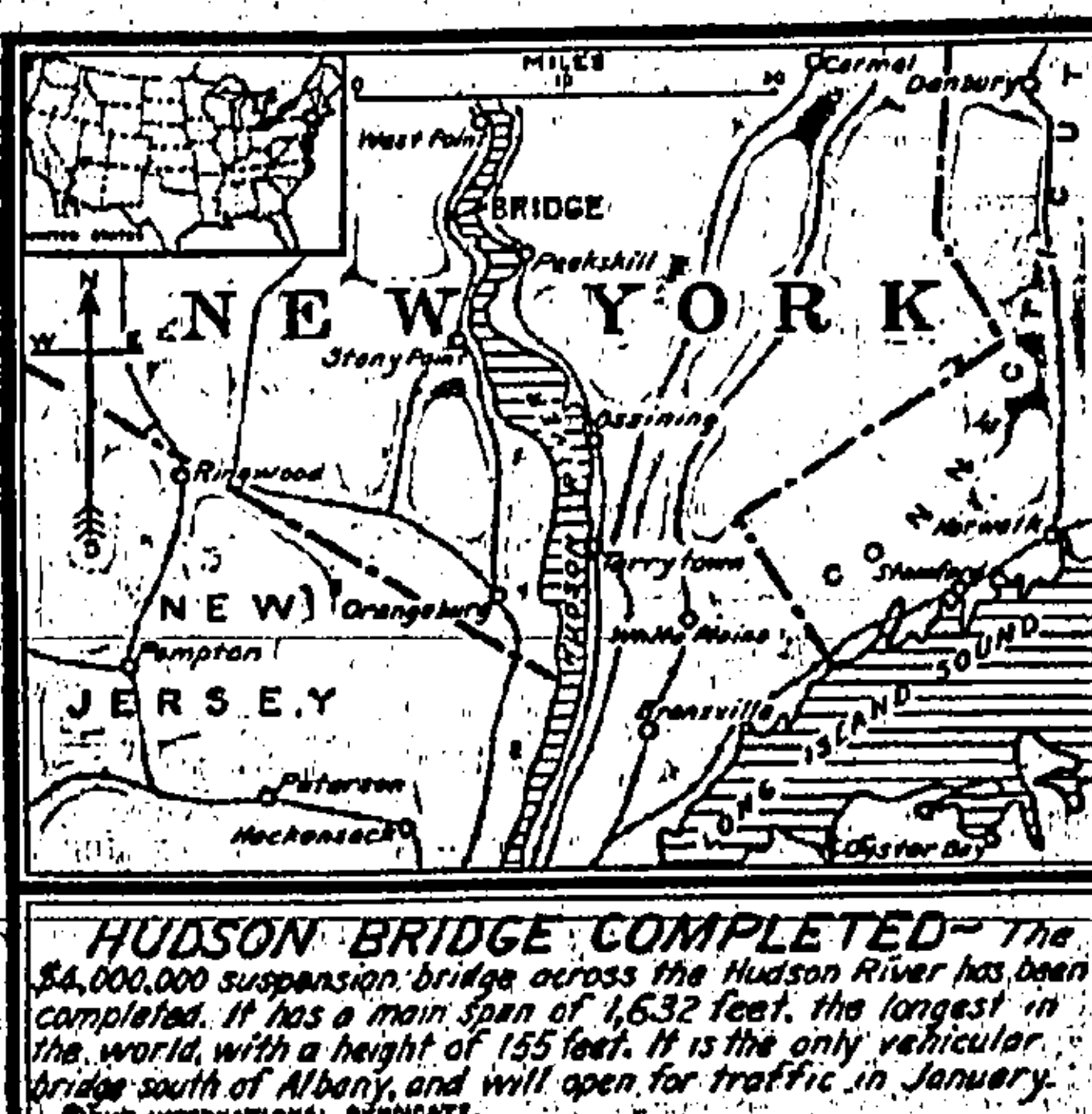
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Italian Consul at Tientsin
denies that any offer has been
made for the purchase of the
Italian gunboat "Caboto," which
was reported in one of the papers
there.

A Military Cable will be laid
across the Harbour from the
V. R. C. to Kowloon Railway
Station at 9.00 hours to-morrow.
Shipping should keep clear of
craft laying this cable.

A motor car driver is under
detention in connection with an
accident occurring in Jubilee
Street, when his car ran down a
small boy and seriously fractured
his skull. The boy now lies in a
critical condition at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital.

Last week's health return
shows four cases of small-pox
(three Chinese and one Indian),
of which one was fatal; three
Chinese cases of diphtheria (one
fatal); four non-fatal cases of
typhoid (three Chinese and one
Indian); and one fatal Chinese
case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Mr. L. Przibislawski, a
Viennese civil engineer and for
two years a resident in Tientsin,
has perfected what is called the
13 Figure Key by means of
which a number of 13
figures can be transmitted by one
code word with the 13th as a check
figure, thus bringing about an
economy to users of codes,
especially banking institutions.

According to a Havas Agency
cable from Paris, the Minister of
the Interior has sent a circular to
the Prefects of Departments point-
ing out that France still remains
faithful to her traditions of hospi-
tality and will protect foreign
workers wishing to live peacefully
in French territory, and will allow
political refugees to live in the
country. All will be allowed the
free exercise of public and private
rights. But such foreigners must
respect French laws and refrain
from political agitation. If any of
them take part in attempts at
disorder or acts of violence against
persons or the Nation, the Govern-
ment will bring them before the
courts and expel them.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has
donated \$7,000,000 to the funds
of the China International Famine
Relief Commission, the "Peking
Daily News" states.

The action of the Federal
Government in charging \$22,000
duty on ten locomotives imported
by the West Australian Govern-
ment has caused great resentment
in that State.

Returns indicate that the
Federal Treasurer at Melbourne
(Dr. Earle Page) has probably
under-estimated the year's total
revenue by \$5,000,000. These
figures suggest a further income
tax remission next year.

Mr. Verthomal Shewaram has
opened the Pioneer Silk Store, at
China Building, Queen's Road
Central. The opening ceremony
took place to-day at 11 a.m. and
"open house" is being kept up
till 10 p.m.

Chapel residents are lodging
protests against the "protec-
tionary" tax which they have been
ordered by the Paoshan District
Magistrate to pay. What special
protection they have received to
warrant this new imposition the
residents fail to see.

The recent cold spell has
frozen over the Yalu without
giving time for the floes to float
up and down the steam as usual,
says the "Manchuria Daily
News" of November 27. From
about the 23rd, the ice along the
bank on the Antung side about
the Railway Bridge melted in part.
Traffic over the frozen surface of
the river was not expected to be
opened before the beginning of
December.

A very severe rain storm
occurred recently at Bentong,
F.M.S. It washed away a tem-
porary dam on the Chaming river,
and destroyed the concrete works
and P.W.D. plant. The engine
driver's wife and infant child were
washed away and drowned. There
was also a landslide, which
crumpled up the pipe-line, con-
veying water to the hydro-electric
plant of the Tin Bentong Co., Ltd.,
thus holding up that mine's opera-
tions for some weeks.

A deck passenger on the s.s.
"Teian" from Singapore and
Amoy, died during the voyage to
Hongkong.

From Mackintosh & Co., Ltd.,
we have received a handy little
calendar showing three months
dates at a glance, a very useful
Christmas souvenir.

Eleven owners of small native
craft were prosecuted at the
Marine Court this morning for
lying within 100 yards of the sea-
wall during prohibited hours last
night and were each fined \$5 (in
lieu of five days) by the Magis-
trate, Lieut.-Commander G. F.
Hoie, R.N.

The Chinese Press in Chefoo
states that a number of Chinese
with shot guns who had ventured
to the South Hill in search of
pheasants, were surrounded by a
number of Chefoo soldiers who
ordered their arrest. The soldiers
seemed certain that the sportsmen
were bandits and there was much
controversy and delay before the
matter was settled.

An amusing incident is report-
ed from the ex-Russian Conces-
sion, Tientsin, where someone
substituted an old bag for the
Soviet flag at the Consulate, and
the Chinese servant, whose sphere
of duty included the flagstaff,
impartially hoisted the bag in place
of the red emblem. The error
was rectified when observed, and
precautions have been taken
against a recurrence. An empty
windbag, however, in the opinion
of the "N. C. Daily Mail," is not a
bad emblem for the Soviet.

A Chinese report, quoted by
the "Chefoo Daily News," says
that four Chefoo policemen having
been despatched to arrest four
known gamblers, arrived at the
gambling house and found only
two of the gamblers. Wishing to
appear efficient, the four police
went out of the building and
arrested the first two pedestrians
who came along and took these
men together with the two
gamblers to the police station.
Fortunately for the passers by,
they were able to prove their
identity and were later released.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The annual ball at Kowloon
Dock takes place on January 2.

A Reuter message from Belgrade
states that the American Consul
Official, Mr. Dayton, who was shot
by a woman on December 5, has
died as a result of his injuries.

The forthcoming wedding is
announced of Mr. William Wood-
ward, engineer of the P.W.D., to
Miss Margaret Mary Wyatt, en-
route from England by the s.s.
"Morea."

Major W. H. Elkins, who won
the open Golf championship at
Hua Hin this year, will apparently
be unable to defend his title as he
has left for Europe on leave, says
a Bangkok contemporary.

Patent rights in connection with
a rubber washing machine have
been granted to Mr. J. H. Shalles,
of Singapore, and in connection
with synthetic ammonia production
to Dr. L. Casale, of Rome.

The dances, which His Ex-
cellency Sir Edward Stubbs will
give at Government House next
month, will take place on Friday
9th and Friday 30th, January, in-
stead of as previously announced.

Among the passengers sailing
for Manila by the s.s. "President
Pierce" to-day are Mr. R. M.
Johnson, Mrs. E. Danenberg, Mr.
H. C. Anderson, Mrs. J. Orme
Sheppard, and Miss Clara L.
Cleveland.

A Washington cable says that
President Coolidge regards the
German elections as a hopeful
sign, so far as they indicate the
determination of the German
people to execute the obligations
under the Dawes' scheme.

A billiard match has been
arranged at the Club Lusitano
between Mr. R. C. K. Johnson, the
billiard champion of Shanghai
and Mr. A. J. Osmond, champion
of Hongkong. The match will
take place at 5.30 this afternoon.

Miss Violet Capell, the popular
teacher of dancing, has arranged
two displays at the Queen's
Theatre on January 7 and 9
respectively. Those taking part
will be the pupils of Miss Capell,
kindly assisted by Miss Daisy
O'Keefe. The proceeds from the
two performances will be devoted
to the funds of the London Hospi-
tal and other charities. Tickets,
price \$3.00 each, can be obtained
at Messrs. Moutrie's.

Mr. Justice Thorneley, of the
International Appeal Court, Bang-
kok and Mrs. Thorneley are due
back from leave by the P. and O.
"Macedonia."

Captain F. B. Bassett, chief
hydrographer United States Navy,
announces the ocean's greatest
known depth, 5,181 miles, has been
discovered about 145 miles south-
east of Tokio. Is this what used
to be known as the Tuscara Deep?

In referring to the recent elec-
tion, the "China Express" says:—
The Straits experts, Mr. M. R.
Thornton, Mr. C. W. Darbishire,
and Mr. E. Macfadyen, who had
toyed with the Socialists during
last Parliament and placed them
in power, fell by the wayside in
the fight, for Britishers still hold
the view that our duty is adequately
to defend our Empire and attend
to the needs of our own people first.

The passenger list of the P. and
O. "Macedonia" due to-morrow,
includes the names of Mrs. A. H.
Barlow, Lt.-Comdr. Barraclough,
E.M., R.N., Mrs. Barraclough, Mr.
and Mrs. D. R. Chester Woods,
Mr. E. Carpenter, Mrs. Carpenter,
Senator A. Xavier da Silva, Mrs.
da Silva and family, Mrs. M.
Garrod, Miss E. D. Garrod, Mr. S.
H. Garrod, Sub-Lt. R. G. Hayter,
Mr. and Mrs. Miskin and Mr. C. E.
Millard.

The "Chefoo Daily News" of No-
vember 29 says:—The str. "Feng-
tien" which is expected to leave for
Shanghai to-day will carry 92 C.I.M.
School children home for the
Winter holidays. Mr. and Mrs.
Ford will be accompanying the
party to Shanghai. A further party
of approximately 18 children will
be leaving by the "Hulchow"
also to-day for Hongkong and will
be under the care of Miss Black-
more, Principal of the Preparatory
School.

Among those who left Singapore
by the "Montoro" was Mr. J.
Symmons on retirement from the
service of the Singapore Harbour
Board where he was Chief Coal
Clerk for sixteen years. Blunt in
speech, yet possessing a heart of
gold, writes a correspondent to the
"Straits Times," Mr. Symmons was
almost every one with whom he
came in contact. He is returning
to his home in New Zealand. The
officers of the Board quietly got up
a subscription among themselves
and presented him with a hand-
some purse as a souvenir of his
fellow workers' goodwill and
esteem. His successor is Mr. D. J.
Woodhouse.

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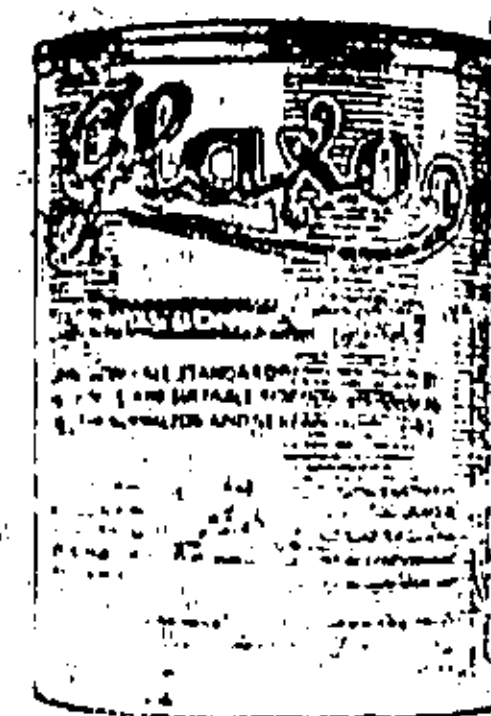
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Boxkases, etc., etc.

Brass, Teak and Iron Bedsteads,
Single and Double Wardrobes with
bevelled mirrors, Dress, Teak chest of
Drawers, Picture, New Carpet, Rugs,
Curtains, etc., etc.

A Quantity of Canton
Blackwood Ware, etc., etc.

One Royal Typewriter
One Marble Clock
Two Suits
Two Victrolas
One Cabinet Gramophone
One Radio

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AFTERNOON.

The following will represent the
Hockey Club in a match against
the Navy at Happy Valley to-day
at 5 p.m.—G. H. Percy, H. E.
Remington, W. Ralph, Rev. N.
Evans, Rev. T. B. Powell, T. J.
Price, H. J. Armstrong, H. R.
Meacock, D. Lyon, D. H. F. Mac-
Master, W. H. Edmonds (Capt.).

Club "A" v. R. E.

The following will represent the
Club at Sookumpoo, Causeway Bay,
to-day at 4.50 p.m. Club colours—
J. H. Kearns, H. C. Macnamara,
L. A. R. Duncan, L. R. Blacking,
G. Band, W. H. Lock, C. F. Lloyd,
H. G. Gardner, A. R. Kinross,
J. C. Ffies, A. Bower.

FOOTBALL.

ARMY TRIAL TO-DAY AT
SOOKUMPOO.

The following have been select-
ed to play in the Second Army
Trial Match, this afternoon at
Sookumpoo, kick-off 4 p.m.,
against the 1st Bn. East Surrey
Regt. Shirts and Stockings will
be provided on the ground:—

Sgt. Stanton, R.A.;

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Culloch, R.A.M.C.

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R.A.O.C., Gr. Sergeant, R.A., Cpl.

Woodbridge, East Surrey Regt.,

Pte. Johnston, R.A.M.C., W/Pte.

Sibley, C.M.A.

STRANGE MISHAP.

HORSE AND SPECTATOR
COLLIDE.

Auckland, November 4.—At
the Auckland races yesterday,
it was remarkable the number
of outsiders that won. Had the
bookmakers been operating they
would have reaped a rich harvest.
A rank outsider won the chief
event.

Referring to Saturday's sen-
sation, when a spectator ran on to
the course and was galloped on by
Barometer, the leading horse in
the Mitchell Cup, the "Herald"
says: "The light-weighted Baro-
meter had dashed into the lead
about four furlongs from home.
As he ran into the straight with a
commanding lead, his name was
loudly proclaimed as the winner.
It seemed certain that his owners
would lift the £1300 and gold cup.
In a moment, however, all hope of
victory vanished. The owners
accepted the misfortune in a
very sporting spirit, saying it
was all in the luck of racing."

SCHOOL CRICKET.

DIOCESAN BOYS v. CENTRAL
BRITISH.

A match was played on Satur-
day last between the Diocesan
Boys' School and the Central
British School, on the Pavilion
ground, kindly lent by the
University for the occasion.
The Diocesan Boys won on the
first innings. Scores:—

DIOCESAN—1ST INNINGS.

S. N. Gittins, run out . . . 31

W. Hunt, b. Bliss . . . 3

F. Zimmern, l.b.w. Bliss . . . 14

E. Cunningham, run out . . . 13

D. Anderson, not out . . . 7

L. Gutterres, b. Bliss . . . 0

F. Samy, b. Bliss . . . 0

E. Goddard, b. Witchell . . . 0

R. Gerrard, c. Angus, b.

Witchell . . . 0

G. Fox, b. Witchell . . . 1

E. Lee, b. Witchell . . . 4

Extras . . . 10

Total . . . 88

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Edwards . . . 5 1 12 0

Bliss . . . 15 6 34 4

Witchell . . . 10 2 24 4

Angus . . . 1 0 3 0

CENTRAL—1ST INNINGS.

Angus, c. Cunningham, b.

Goddard . . . 14

Neave, c. Gittins, b. Goddard . . . 0

Bliss, c. Hunt, b. Zimmern . . . 2

Edwards, c. Cunningham, b.

Goddard . . . 1

Witchell, c. Hunt, b. Zimmern . . . 13

White, c. Zimmern . . . 0

Well, c. Zimmern . . . 0

Jones, l.b.w. Zimmern . . . 0

Hynes, at Gutterres, b. Lee . . . 8

Ellis, c. Samy, b. Lee . . . 2

MacNider, not out . . . 0

Extras . . . 10

Total . . . 50

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

E. Goddard . . . 5 1 9 3

F. Zimmern . . . 9 1 16 6

S. V. Gittins . . . 3 0 14 0

E. Lee . . . 1 2 1 0 2

DIOCESAN v. ROVING FIFTH.

A match between Diocesan

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Fifth Troop, played on the

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was won by the Roving Fifth

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ROVING 5TH.

W. M. Gittins, run out . . . 43

Fred Zimmern, b. Lee . . . 9

E. Zimmern, b. Goddard . . . 5

S. V. Gittins, b. Bower . . . 36

Y. Fenton, b. Bower . . . 9

E. Cunningham, run out . . . 14

Eric Lee, st. Gutterres, b.

Bower . . . 9

D. Anderson, c. Fisher, b.

Goddard . . . 10

F. Zimmern, b. Goddard . . . 1

J. Hunt, run out . . . 0

A. Hunt, not out . . . 2

Extras . . . 18

Total . . . 156

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

E. Goddard . . . 9 3 20 3

A. Lee . . . 6 0 43 1

A. Bower . . . 9 2 40 3

J. Fisher . . . 2 0 8 0

W. Hunt . . . 2 0 11 0

J. Fox . . . 3 0 16 0

Total . . . 60

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

W. Gittins . . . 6 0 19 4

F. Zimmern . . . 6 0 20 3

Y. Gittins . . . 1 1 0 1

Y. Fenton . . . 1 0 16 0

MR JOEL'S TEAM.

VISITORS WIN AGAINST
RHODESIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bulawayo, December 9.
Mr. Joel's eleven scored 294
against Rhodesia, bowler hitting
131 and Jameson 90. Rhodesia
replied with 121 and following on
scored 212. Joel's eleven won by
eight wickets, scoring the neces-
sary 40 for two wickets.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

Townsville, December 9.
In a two days' match the
M.C.C. batted first and scored 277
for two (Stutcliffe 90, Hearne 149
not out). The locals will bat
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